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SUBJECT: REPORTS OF TORTURE
1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN OVER WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS OF KIM DAE JUNG (M-R: / KIM TAE-CHUNG), AND OTHER DISSIDENTS ARRESTED SINCE MAY 17. REPORTEDLY, MRS. KIM CHECKED AND BELIEVES HER HUSBAND IS NOT BEING HELD AT KCIA HEADQUARTERS.
2. DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO RECEIVED EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN OVER REPORTS OF TORTURE OF THOSE DETAINED MAY 17. UPON DECLARATION OF FULL MARTIAL LAW. GREATEST CONCERN IS DIRECTED AT CASE OF REV. IN MYONG-CHIN (M-R), WHO HAS ALLEGEDLY BEEN BEATEN SO BADLY HE CANNOT WALK.
3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY COULD DEVELOP ON THESE SUBJECTS. MUSKIE
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